



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
Meeting Minutes



April 18, 2006 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

California Department of Fish and Game
Marine Wildlife Veterinary Care and Research Center
1451 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Attendance:

Members		Agency Representatives	OSPR Participants		Guests
Stephen Ricks	Joan Lundstrom	Ellen Faurot-Daniels	Lisa Curtis	Bud Leland	Scott Schaefer
Matt Rezvani	Linda Sheehan	Linda Scourtis	Bud Leland	Stephen Sawyer	
Mitchel Beauchamp	Tracy Egoscue	Kevin Mercer	Sue Damron	Michelle Owens	
Sejal Choksi			Joy Lavin-Jones	Marguerite Diaz	
			Lisa Vandenput		

The April 18, 2006 Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting at the CA Department of Fish and Game, Marine Wildlife Veterinary Care and Research Center, Santa Cruz, CA was called to order at 9:46 a.m. – Stephen Ricks, Chairperson, presiding.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

STEPHEN RICKS (CHAIRPERSON)/TAC

- ❖ Discussion for Vote by TAC: Resolution from TAC recognizing Michelle Owens for her efforts on Fund 321. Resolution included the new TAC logo. The Resolution was read to the TAC by Stephen Ricks. Matt Rezvani made a motion to present and issue the Resolution, Sejal Choksi seconded. Unanimously approved.
- ❖ Meeting turned over to Lisa Curtis:
 - Bud Leland and Lisa Curtis will attend National Harbor Safety Committee Conference in Washington, DC, third week of April 2006.
 - OSPR is continuing with rulemaking.
 - OSPR is approaching end of fiscal year, and is working on concepts for budget change proposals.
- ❖ Self Introductions: TAC members, Agency representatives, OSPR participants, and guests.
- ❖ Agenda Process:
 - Mark items on the agenda which may necessitate a vote.
 - Include language on agenda for public comment and allow time for it under Old/New Business.
 - Add Item for next meeting agenda.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

STEPHEN RICKS (CHAIRPERSON)/TAC

- ❖ January 24, 2006 minutes:
 - Edits: 1) Introduction paragraph 3 – change “Berg” to “Berge”; and 2) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, page 2 – remove second sentence.
 - Mitch Beauchamp motioned to approve minutes with changes, Joan Lundstrom seconded. Unanimously approved.
- ❖ February 21, 2006 minutes:
 - Edits: Remove Lisa Curtis from attendance.
 - Mitch Beauchamp motioned to approve minutes with change, Tracy Egoscue seconded. Unanimously approved.

III. AGENCY REPORTS

CCC/BCDC/SLC

- ❖ ***California Coastal Commission:*** ***Ellen Faurot-Daniels***
Report provided.
 - Harbor Safety Committees: Are in the process of annual updates to Area Safety Plans. The Port Hueneme Harbor Safety LNG Subcommittee has coordinated and drafted a review and comment letter to the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed BHP Billiton LNG floating terminal and its vessel safety and marine traffic impacts on the commercial ship traffic calling at Port Hueneme.
 - Area Committees: Most of the update process for Area Contingency Plans (ACPs) was completed by the end of last year. Major focus is on centrally located and readily updated electronic copies of all California marine ACPs, and the long task list for 2008. As a result of the February 2006 Statewide Area Committee Coordinators meeting, more frequent Statewide meetings will be held (approximately 3 times a year in conjunction with Regional Response Team meetings) to ensure better communication.

- Safe Seas 2006 Emergency Response Drill: NOAA's National Ocean Service will exercise emergency response capabilities in the Cordell Bank, Gulf of the Farallons and Monterey Bay national marine sanctuaries in Central California in August 2006. NOAA is paying for the drill with limited funds of \$250,000 and hope to get credit from industry. There will be over 150 participants in the drill, with representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Department of Interior, the response industry, and state trustees including the California Department of Fish and Game, Office of Spill Prevention and Response. Cargo ships and tugs will be involved in the scenario; however, the exercise is still in the planning stages.

❖ ***State Lands Commission:***

Kevin Mercer

Report provided.

- Los Angeles-Long Beach HSC: SLC became voting members of the committee.
- MOTEMS: Effective February 1, 2006 all marine oil terminals have to start looking at risk factors to determine when they have to do a massive engineering audit showing how well the facilities are being maintained. The formula to calculate the risk factor is based on the size of their pipeline, how long it takes to shut down, how much oil could be at risk in a catastrophic failure, etc. The highest risk terminals are required to do the audit within 30 months. LNG terminals will be added as they relate to where vessels pull into the terminals.
- Pipeline Regulations: SLC is looking at creating pipeline regulations on marine terminals to set standards for static liquid pressure tests. Unable to hydrostatic test the meter systems on the pipelines. SLC recommended procedures and provided a mathematical engineering spreadsheet where all the testers filled in the blanks, which provided SLC with an acceptable verifiable static liquid pressure test; however, because it is not a requirement, terminals do not satisfactorily test the static liquid pressure. SLC will likely mandate their recommended procedures.
- Oil Transfer and Risk Reduction Act: Vessels and barges that are moving oil from Los Angeles to San Francisco, or visa versa, are self-reporting what their emissions are. SLC passed the most recent report for last calendar year on April 17, 2006, which is anticipated to be posted on SLC's website by April 21, 2006. Based on the report, the trips were up and the emissions were down.
- Prevention First 2006: Scheduled for September 12-14, 2006.

❖ ***SF Bay Conservation and Development Commission:***

Linda Scourtis

- SF Harbor Safety Committee (HSC):
 - ◆ Ferry Operations Workgroup - Recently reviewed results of a model that was run at George Washington University, DC which shows areas of convergence in and around the Ferry building north of the Bay. However, the model doesn't give a risk analysis, which is what the workgroup is working on (ie: impacts of speed).
 - ◆ PORTS Workgroup - Contract for funding from OSPR to continue use and maintenance of PORTS for a couple of years was recently approved by the Department of General Services in time for HSC meeting on April 13, 2006. Need to connect modems to the sensors, conduct test to see what sensors are operating, and determine what the real costs would be (not NOAA's average contracted amount for operation and maintenance of all the PORTS).
- Prevention through People Workgroup – Continues to work on safe boating, kayaking, etc. Issue of equipment and containers falling off cargo ships onto barges and tugs have been an area of concern statewide.
- Navigation Workgroup: Met with Air Resources Board to add safety clause to their new regulations.
- Tug Escort Workgroup: San Francisco HSC requested a few modifications to OSPR's tug escort regulations.

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

WILLIAM LELAND, OSPR

- ❖ SB 403: Vessels carrying hazardous materials. Passed out of senate. Assembly has been postponed a hearing on this bill that would have established a chemical tanker task force.
- ❖ AB 7244: Sea otter mortality. Funded voluntarily by a check off box on tax form. Would require an advisory note on packages of litter regarding not dumping kitty litter down storm drains, etc. Need to put concerns regarding human health issues into the bill.

- V. REGULATIONS UPDATE** **JOY LAVIN-JONES, OSPR**
- ❖ Bollard Pull Regulations: Notice will go out last week of April 2006. Stipulates that any time modifications are done that would affect the breaking force of the tug, new bollard pull certification needs to be done.
 - ❖ Contingency Plan Regulations: Working with industry workgroup to make changes to the contingency plan regulations - specifically dealing with shoreline protection requirements. Notice to go out this summer.
- VI. INLAND SPILL PROGRAM** **LISA CURTIS/WILLIAM LELAND, OSPR**
- ❖ Lisa Curtis and William Leland had an opportunity to meet with Director regarding this issue, and a second meeting with Acting Chief Deputy Director John McCamon will take place in the near future.
 - ❖ DFG funding issue: Obtain permanent funding through legislation and request to move the funding source to an OSPR funding source. Attempting to minimize the drain on the Inland Program.
 - ❖ Comments (provided largely from production facilities) never went to agency -- stopped at DFG.
- VII. LETTERS RE: CIVIL PENALTIES, SUPPORT OF BUDGET ACTION, OSPR TO DEVELOP PROGRAM COSTS** **TAC/OSPR/AGENCY REPS.**
Joy Lavin-Jones will provide Legislative proposals to the TAC and provide report to TAC at the next meeting.
- VIII. FUND 321 STATUS REPORT** **MICHELLE OWENS, OSPR**
- ❖ PFA is signed off on all the transfers.
 - ❖ Money paid back in October was reversed in February. The State Controllers office had concerns about the monies; however, two weeks later determined that the money transfer was appropriate and paid the money back to OSPR. Shelly requested direct communications with the State Controller's office.
 - ❖ 320 deposit errors of \$5.8M has been sent back to the Board of Equalization and placed in the correct fund.
 - ❖ DFG still owes OSPR \$2.2M on all our funds since 1998. Shelly made recommendations on how the fund can be paid back by June 30, 2006. Shelly recommended going back to 1991.
- IX. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MICHELLE OWENS** **TAC**
Steven Ricks read resolution (verbatim) and presented to Michelle Owens.
- X. LETTER TO LEGISLATURE RE: \$14M FUND EXCESS** **TAC**
After extensive discussion, the TAC decided not to send the letter because the December 2005 Resolution to the Governor provided for the same support issues.
- XI. U.S. COAST GUARD PRESENTATION** **SCOTT SCHAEFER, USCG**
- Scott Schaeffer presented a power point presentation on the USCG organization and response activities.
- ❖ Reorganized: Marine Safety Office, Captains of the Port, and Oil Search and Rescue was reorganized last summer and are now called Sectors. California has three sectors: San Diego, Los Angeles/Long Beach, and San Francisco have full authority. There is a fourth sector in Humboldt Bay, but they do not have Captain of the Port authority, which will come out of San Francisco.
 - ❖ Personnel:
 - Advice Admiral Harvey Johnson will be leaving to take position with FEMA.
 - Kevin Eldridge, Rear Admiral retired March 31, 2006. Rear Admiral Jody Breckenridge is new District Commander for District 11.
 - District 11 Staff:
 - ◆ Tim Holmes, has gone to the Maritime Transportation Activity Act. His position, which handles the regional response team and the joint response team in Mexico, is vacant.
 - ◆ GS 11 position has been created. Activities will include the Area Contingency Plans. The person should be starting by end of April beginning of May.
 - District Realignment: Used to have Marine Safety and Operations. In October 2005, realigned to include Prevention, Planning, and Response. Marine Environmental Response was moved from Marine Safety Division to Response. Ballast Water is a compliance program so that stayed in Marine Safety. Contingency Plans went to Planning.
 - Rescue Video Presentation:
 - ◆ New Years Eve 2005, Ukiah – Extra Helicopters were brought up from Los Angeles and San Diego into San Francisco to check levees during heavy storm. Found car sitting in middle of River woman in the car who was unable to get out of the car because she could not release her seat belt. USCG rescued her via Helicopter.

- ◆ MV APL Panama Grounding Encinada, MX – On December 25, 2005 vessel didn't make left just after breakwater entering Encinada, drove straight into beach, and grounded. Two tugs were unable to assist in getting them ungrounded from Beach. Titan Marine brought in five (5) tugs. Joint response could only be activated by the country this was in. MX did not activate. USCG had monitoring in place with trajectories done.
- ◆ TV Seabulk Pride, Alaska - Sheet of ice parted all the lines and moved 1\2 mile to next ice bar. Given that size of ice, the force is the same as another tanker hitting the vessel. Oil had to be heated to transfer. 20-foot tides came in the next day, and the vessel was no longer grounded, no oil spill occurred.

XIII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

STEPHEN RICKS (CHAIRPERSON)/TAC

❖ Agenda Items for July 25, 2006 Meeting:

- LNG authority – provide legal opinion on whether LNG is oil. Invite representatives to next meeting from the Attorney General's office, USCG, SLC, and OSPR to discuss the issue in-depth.
 - PORTS Update.
 - Overview of significant changes to C-Plan Regulations.
 - Lisa Curtis will provide the TAC with a copy of the legislative concept paper for the Inland Program.
 - MSRC PowerPoint presentation on dispersants.
 - Katrina response presentation
- ❖ Dates and location of 2006 meetings:
- July 25, 2006 – San Francisco at BC/DC office, contact Linda Scourtis to coordinate
 - October 24, 2006

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